

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
VINTON SOLAR ENERGY LLC FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED TO
CONSTRUCT A SOLAR-POWERED ELECTRIC
GENERATION FACILITY IN VINTON COUNTY,
OHIO.

CASE No. 17-774-EL-BGN

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on November 17, 2017

{¶ 1} On September 26, 2017, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued an Entry establishing a procedural schedule in this case, which, among other things:

- (a) Established September 26, 2017, as the effective date of the application;
- (b) Set November 20, 2017, as the due date for the filing of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report); and
- (c) Scheduled the local public hearing for December 5, 2017, and the evidentiary hearing for December 15, 2017.

{¶ 2} On November 16, 2017, the Applicant, Vinton Solar Energy LLC (Vinton Solar or Applicant), filed a motion to toll the procedural schedule in this matter along with a request for an expedited ruling on that motion.

{¶ 3} Ohio Adm.Code 4906-2-27(C) pertains to requests for expedited rulings on motions. Among other things, it indicates that: (a) any motion may include a request for an expedited ruling; and (b) the party requesting an expedited ruling must first contact all other parties to determine whether any party objects to the issuance of an expedited ruling without the filing of memoranda.

{¶ 4} Vinton Solar submits that all parties have been contacted regarding both the November 16, 2017 motion to toll the procedural schedule and the request for an expedited ruling on that motion. Further, Vinton Solar certifies that no party opposes either the motion or the request for immediate ruling. Accordingly, the ALJ finds that, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4906-2-27(C), Vinton Solar's request for an expedited ruling on its November 16, 2017 motion to toll the procedural schedule should be granted.

{¶ 5} In support of its motion to toll the procedural schedule, Applicant states that, as discussed in its application, Vinton Solar expected to receive from PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM)¹ and file with the Board the System Impact Study (SIS) by October 31, 2017. PJM has not, however, as of this date, issued the SIS, therefore, necessitating this motion since the Staff Report is due on November 20, 2017. Accordingly, Vinton Solar seeks to toll the procedural schedule until such time as the SIS is filed with the Board. Should this motion be granted, Vinton Solar commits to serve and publish notice of the cancellation of the previously scheduled hearings currently set and noticed for December 5 and December 15, 2017.

{¶ 6} The ALJ finds good cause exists for granting Vinton Solar's November 16, 2017 motion to toll the procedural schedule. That motion is, therefore, granted. The ALJ will reestablish the dates for the public and adjudicatory hearings by subsequent entry after the Applicant files the SIS.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

¹ PJM Interconnection, LLC is the regional transmission organization charged with planning for upgrades and administrating the generation queue for the regional transmission system in Ohio. Generators wanting to interconnect to the bulk electric transmission system located in the PJM control area are required to submit an interconnection application for review of system impacts. The interconnection process provides for the construction of expansions and upgrades of the PJM transmission system, as needed to maintain compliance with reliability criteria with the addition of generation in its footprint.

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That Vinton Solar's request for an expedited ruling on its November 16, 2017 motion to toll the procedural schedule be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Vinton Solar's November 16, 2017 motion to toll the procedural schedule be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

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/s/ Jeffrey R. Jones

By: Jeffrey R. Jones
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry granting Vinton Solar's request for an expedited ruling on its November 16, 2017 motion to toll the procedural schedule; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Jeffrey R. Jones, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board